

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A vehicular steering operation device, which has a hub portion mounted to a steering shaft and rim portions integrally formed with the hub portion on an outer periphery thereof, includes accelerating operation members disposed on surfaces of the respective rim portions at surfaces thereof closer to a vehicle front for rocking or sliding movements in a fore and aft direction of a vehicle, to allow the accelerating operation member to be pulled in front of a driver to perform accelerating operation. A method of controlling a vehicle speed using the vehicular steering operation device whose structure includes a step of detecting displacement values of a pair of accelerating operation members respectively; a step of selecting one of the accelerating operation members which has less variation in displacement value within a given time interval; and a step of adjusting a throttle opening dependent upon an accelerator output value of a selected accelerating operation member to control a traveling speed.